



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

REP. GARY HOWELL

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

10:30 AM

Room 521, House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation was called to order by Chair Howell.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Howell, Wakeman, Reilly, Rendon, Eisen, Sowerby, Cambensy, Pohutsky.

Absent/Excused: Rep. Calley.

Representative Wakeman moved to adopt the minutes from the March 10th, 2020 meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5558, HB 5559 and HB 5560 before the committee:

HB 5558 (Rep. Howell)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding sections 43528c and 43528d.

HB 5559 (Rep. Cherry)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding sections 48714a and 48714b.

HB 5560 (Rep. Wakeman)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 40113a (MCL 324.40113a), as amended by 2016 PA 382.

At 10:33 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 10:34 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

Representative Wakeman moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5558. The motion prevailed 8-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Wakeman, Reilly, Rendon, Eisen, Sowerby, Cambensy, Pohutsky.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Cherry testified in support of HB 5559 (H-1).

Representative Sowerby moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5559. The motion prevailed 8-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Wakeman, Reilly, Rendon, Eisen, Sowerby, Cambensy, Pohutsky.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Craig Brunet, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of HB 5558 (H-1), HB 5559 (H-1) and HB 5560. Questions and discussion followed.

Seth Herbst, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of HB 5558 (H-1), HB 5559 (H-1) and HB 5560. Questions and discussion followed.

Amy Trotter, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in support of HB 5558 (H-1), HB 5559 (H-1) and HB 5560.

Michael Pedigo, representing the Michigan Guides and Outfitters Association, testified in support of HB 5558 (H-1), HB 5559 (H-1) and HB 5560.

Representative Eisen moved to refer House Bill No. 5558 to the Committee on Ways and Means, with recommendation as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 7-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Wakeman, Rendon, Eisen, Sowerby, Cambensy, Pohutsky.

Nays: Rep. Reilly.

Pass: None.

Representative Sowerby moved to refer House Bill No. 5559 to the Committee on Ways and Means, with recommendation as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 7-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Wakeman, Rendon, Eisen, Sowerby, Cambensy, Pohutsky.

Nays: Rep. Reilly.

Pass: None.

Representative Rendon moved to refer House Bill No. 5560 to the Committee on Ways and Means. The motion prevailed 7-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Wakeman, Rendon, Eisen, Sowerby, Cambensy, Pohutsky.

Nays: Rep. Reilly.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 5777 before the committee:

HB 5777 (Rep. Howell)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 2104, 2132, and 2165 (MCL 324.2104, 324.2132, and 324.2165), sections 2104 and 2132 as amended by 2018 PA 238 and section 2165 as added by 2018 PA 240.

Chairman Howell testified in support of HB 5777.

Amy Trotter, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in support of HB 5777.

Craig Brunet, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of HB 5777.

The following people submitted a card with a support of HB 5777, but did not wish to speak:

Michael Ruddock, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.

Representative Wakeman moved to excuse Representative Calley from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Rep. Gary Howell adjourned the meeting at 11:02 AM.

Representative Gary Howell, Chair

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